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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 3677**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Burton Hanson Examiner: Brittain, James R.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed July 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

An **Appendix** including replacement figures and amended figures is attached following page 4 of this document.